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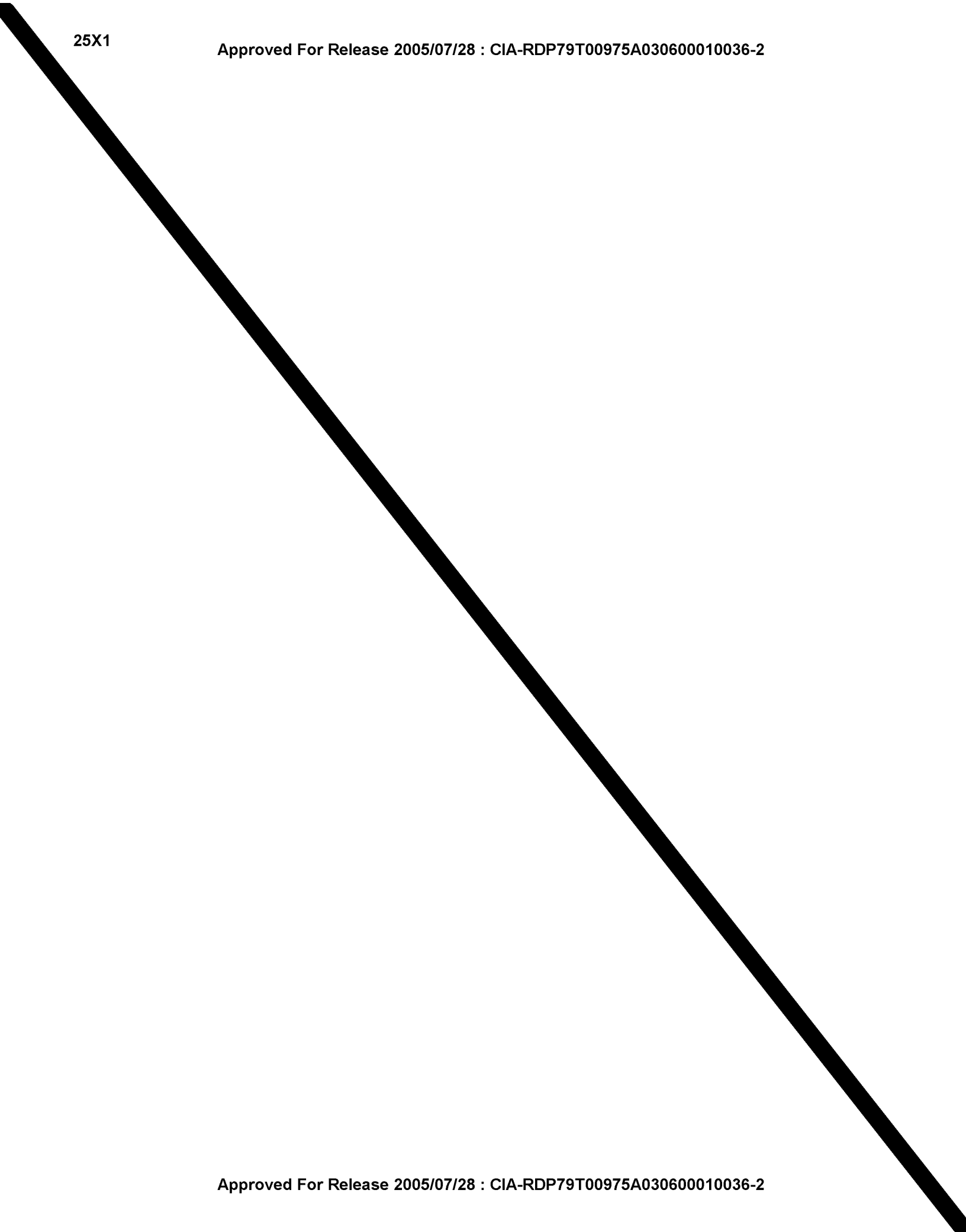

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TURKEY: Labor Protests Violence

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Leftwing workers walked off their jobs throughout Turkey for two hours yesterday to protest the weekend killing of six leftist students at Istanbul University. The strike, which according to one press report involved hundreds of thousands of workers, marked the largest public outcry to date against the student disorders and related violence that have plagued Turkey for over three years. The action will increase pressure on Prime Minister Ecevit's government to take firmer measures to restore order.

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25X1 Ecevit and his advisers are debating how to deal with the campus problem and the recent increase in urban guerrilla attacks against the Turkish establishment. Officials are also concerned about reports that one leftwing faction may now be planning attacks on US citizens in Turkey.

25X1 Ecevit faces a dilemma; he must try to regain control of the situation, which could threaten his government, without resorting to strong measures such as some form of martial law that might call into question his commitment to human rights. Such a measure could also undercut Ecevit's popular support.

25X1 The Interior Minister has been lobbying for tougher measures for some time, but Ecevit has clearly wanted to avoid extraordinary steps.

25X1 By focusing public attention on what has widely come to be perceived as a national disgrace, yesterday's strike--by members of Ecevit's own political constituency--may force the Prime Minister to rethink his approach to the problem. 25X1

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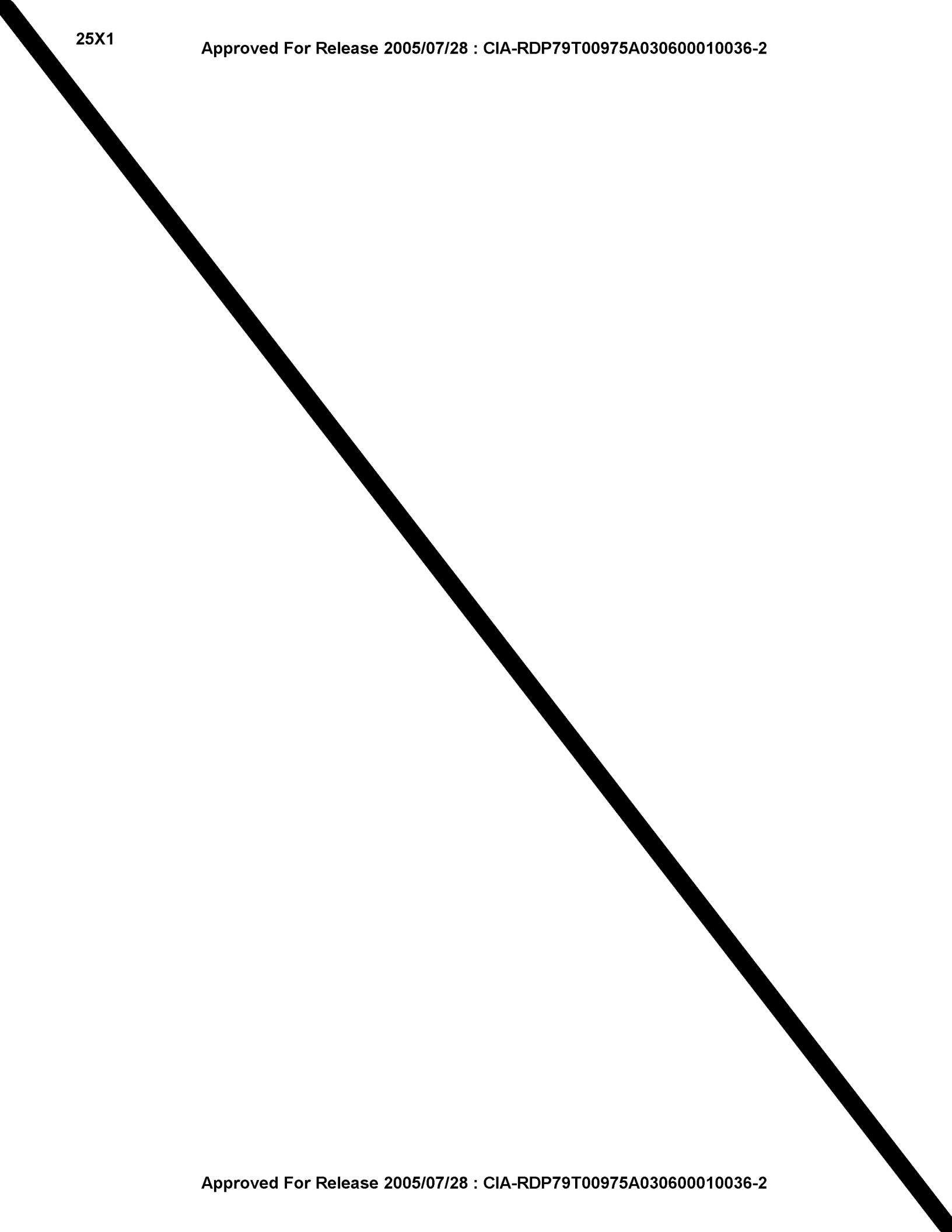

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GUINEA - SENEGAL - IVORY COAST

25X1 [redacted] *The leaders of Guinea, Senegal, and Ivory Coast reached broad agreement over the past weekend to reconcile their long-standing political differences. They were publicly optimistic during the summit held in Monrovia, Liberia, but their agreement must still be implemented.*

25X1 [redacted] The three leaders agreed that their countries will reestablish diplomatic relations, end all "dissension" that has affected past relations, and promote the free movement of persons and goods across their respective borders. [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] Senghor opened the summit by stating categorically that the issue of Guinean exiles in Senegal is not a matter for discussion. Guinean President Toure responded by saying he was not demanding--as he has in the past--that Guinean exiles in Senegal and Ivory Coast be returned. He then repeated his call for the exiles to return to Guinea; he offered them amnesty last fall.

25X1 [redacted] Toure, who initiated the summit, probably is pleased with its outcome. Guinea has taken a more pragmatic approach to foreign policy in the past year, and Toure will look to Senegal and Ivory Coast to flesh out the tripartite agreement and thus confirm the value of this moderate approach. Toure, however, will continue from time to time to take a strident stance on African and global issues, in part to counter criticism from the USSR and radical African states that Guinea is going soft. [redacted]

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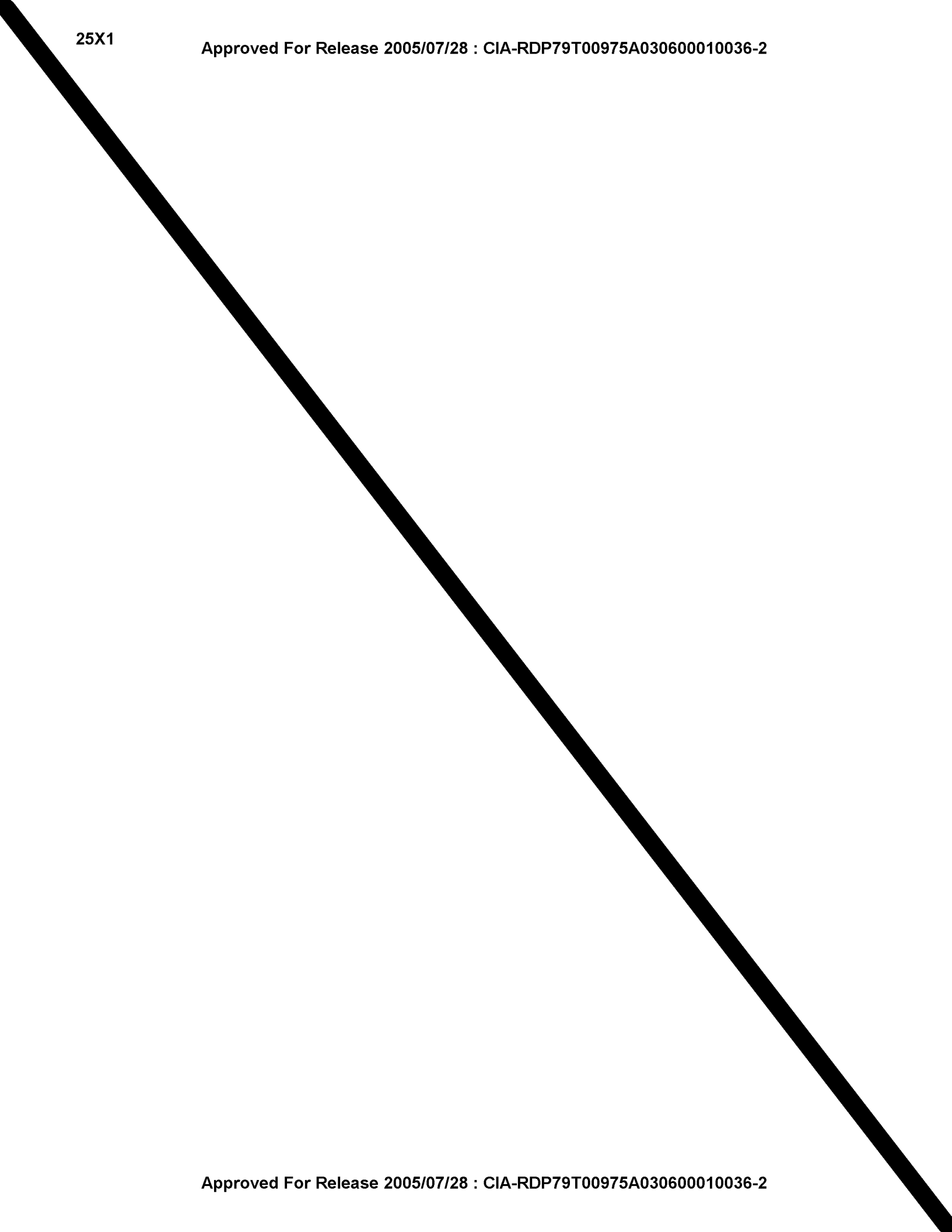

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Pakistan

25X1 Despite some disturbances, Pakistan has been fairly calm since former Prime Minister Bhutto was convicted of murder and sentenced to death last Saturday.

25X1 Serious violence, however, is still a possibility. Several thousand demonstrators burned vehicles in Lahore yesterday in the most serious incident so far. Smaller demonstrations in other cities and some student strikes have also occurred.

25X1 Strict security measures are partly responsible for the failure of Bhutto's supporters to take to the streets in large numbers. Police and soldiers are conspicuous in major cities, and the arrest of hundreds of party members has hampered the organizing of protests.

25X1 Bhutto's followers, however, may be holding back. His case could still be appealed to the Supreme Court and then to the President, and party leaders may believe the appeals will offer a better opportunity than violence for a campaign against the military government. 25X1

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